Please amend claim 4 as follows:

a5 3~~4~~. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the medical device comprises in bulk formula 5 to 50 percent by weight of one or more silicone macromonomers and 5 to 50 percent by weight of a hydrophilic monomer.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

a6 6~~7~~. (amended) A method for improving the wettability of a medical device, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a medical device formed from a monomer mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer and a silicone-containing monomer, wherein said medical device has not been subjected to a surface oxidation treatment;

(b) contacting a surface of the medical device with a solution comprising a wetting agent selected from the group consisting of polymers or copolymers of (meth)acrylic acid, whereby the wetting agent forms a complex with the hydrophilic monomer on the surface of the medical device in the absence of a surface oxidation treatment step and without the addition of a coupling agent.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

a7 7~~9~~. (amended) The method of claim 6~~7~~, wherein the medical device comprises in bulk formula 5 to 50 percent by weight of one or more silicone macromonomers and 5 to 50 percent by weight of a hydrophilic monomer.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

10~~12~~. (amended) The method of claim 6~~7~~ wherein said polymer or copolymer of (meth)acrylic acid is characterized by acid content of at least about 40 mole percent .

a8 Please amend claim 13 as follows:

11~~12~~~~13~~. (amended) The method of claim 10~~12~~ wherein said polymer is characterized by acid content of at least about 50 mole percent.

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Please amend claim 19 as follows:

16/19. (amended) A method for improving the wettability of a medical device comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a medical device formed from a monomer mixture comprising a silicone-containing monomer and at least one hydrophilic monomer selected from the group consisting of N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and N,N-dimethylacrylamide, wherein said medical device has not been subjected to a surface oxidation treatment; and

(b) contacting a surface of the medical device with a solution comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of poly(acrylic acid) and poly(acrylic acid-co-acrylamide).